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Diane – I can assure you that those present at the meeting share the same goals of the best and most timely clean-up possible.

As you know the pool has been threatened with closure in the past and both the pool and park are incredibly important to the local community – most especially the public housing communities for whom it is the closest open space in the area. Ensuring that any disruption to the park and pool are limited to the extent possible as part of any clean-up is critical. Also ensuring that the amenities are replaced both temporarily and permanently and that there is meaningful community involvement – especially of the stakeholders most directly impacted - in any design or decisions is very reasonable. As Dan mentioned, the EPA indicated that they were committed to further discussion of the issue of how the clean-up would impact the park and pool at future CAG meetings and at an upcoming CB6 meeting. So there will be plenty of opportunity for all to be heard.

I'm sure we'll be discussing this more –

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Dan and others, I am very, very distressed to learn that there was a meeting that took place with all of the elected officials who were there, Velmanette, Nydia, Jo Anne, Steve, Brad and maybe others to meet with EPA staff and Judith Enck, to discuss the outcome of the cleanup or lack of it at the park pool. The entire CAG has addressed this issue and even had a recent vote to have a thorough

cleanup of the contamination in that area. That was voted on even if the pool had to be closed for a period of time.

The CAG has consistently wanted the best cleanup possible at the superfund site and the upland areas

The fact that such a meeting took places is quite distressing for many of us. The CAG is the community voice for the cleanup of the Canal, and often for the surrounding areas. Why was there not a general invitation issued.

The CAG has supported the creation of a retention tank in that area, as well.

I am asking for a second meeting with the same elected officials present and for the entire CAG to be present, or at least invited to be present.

Thank you. Sincerely, Diane Buxbaum, MPH.

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Doug isn't the only one with date typos, I did it too!

CB6 Environmental Protection Committee's October meeting will be scheduled 6:30pm on Monday, October 26th (not the 19th).

(Of course I only noticed the mistake after hitting send in rushing to get out the door to my CB7 General meeting tonight. You see, I also have to cover Sunset Park, don't just lounge around Gowanus.)

Thanks, Dan

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Hi CAG,

Sorry to email everyone, but since there have been questions about a meeting held yesterday I

thought I'd share broadly. There was a meeting I helped secure yesterday with U.S. EPA RA and staff for Friends of Thomas Greene Park and pool stakeholders that included local elected officials and Craig Hammerman from CB6.

The agenda and attendance list is attached. As had been discussed at previous CAG meetings, this was the long-planned and promised follow-up meeting to a similar one the friends group had with EPA last December. It was made clear at the outset that this was not representing the CAG, though it included some CAG members, but those who have been concerned with continued use of a pool and park provided for in the cleanup and tank siting. You can see from the list that it was a large meeting that did not have a lot of time allocated, so it needed to be kept manageable and focused. Participants were representing themselves and their various organizations. Folks can discuss what the takeaways were at next Tuesday's CAG meeting.

I'll share a few of my takeaways:

- Those concerned with the surrounding community's continued access to a pool and park care about the cleanup.
- EPA doesn't see a conflict with the Fulton MGP site cleanup and providing interim pool use and have examples from other Superfund cleanups where interim and replacement facilities were mandated.
- Siting the tank at the pool isn't in EPA's view the only way to get the pool site cleaned up: the contaminated material needs to come out from under the pool regardless.
- There are other factors in tank siting, including groundwater and drainage. It became clear that there is a need for technical support to better understand the groundwater, drainage and sewer backup issues, and how those would be a factor in the tank location. (This is not new, many CAG members and Red Hook Committee have been asking for a drainage study.)
- The City has not given EPA all the information it needs to make a decision. (Tank impacts on groundwater/drainage in a tech report would be good for all to see. Would this be TAG eligible?)
- Time and money are of course a big factor in the siting decision to keep things going on the promised schedule.

Next steps:

EPA and the City are in the process of scheduling an Fed-City agency level meeting in the next week or so.

EPA also committed to Craig at the meeting that they would come out to a CB6 Environmental Protection Committee meeting next month to discuss the tank siting issue.

EPA will also be meeting with surrounding businesses owners one of whom came to yesterday's meeting (not on the list).

CB6 Environmental Protection Committee meets the fourth Monday, so October 19 can be an opportunity to have this discussion more publically.

(Craig is working on the place to allow for a large meeting and I'll help secure confirmation with EPA.)

I hope this sheds some light on the meeting that happened. Those who attended can of course share further at the next CAG meeting.

See you then.

Thanks,

Dan

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LOL, obviously it had the wrong date because it was completely the wrong CAG so really ignore it!!

Doug

On Sep 16, 2015, at 8:28 AM, Douglas Sarno <djsarno@icloud.com> wrote:
Hi please ignore that draft agenda, it has the wrong date, Tuesday is the 22nd, must have been wishful thinking on my part!

thanks

Doug

On Sep 16, 2015, at 8:23 AM, Douglas Sarno <djsarno@icloud.com> wrote:

Hi all

I apologize for the holiday date conflict, I agree it is unacceptable and should not have happened. At this point, however, we need to move forward with the 9/22 meeting as we do not have time to find an alternative date. We will discuss how to make sure we avoid a similar situation moving forward. There are no decisions facing the CAG at this meeting so those folks who have to miss will not be left out of any decision-making. A draft agenda is attached.

thanks

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